



Mary Jo Chanaud

December 26, 1939 - September 22, 2025

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Mary Jo Chanaud, age 85, passed away peacefully on September 22, 2025, at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Queenstown, Maryland, after a brief illness.

Born December 26, 1939, in Meridian, Mississippi, Mary Jo was the daughter of Robert Luther Manning and Myrtle Willis Manning. Tragically, she lost her mother just 19 days after her birth and her father shortly before her fourth birthday. She was lovingly taken in and raised by her aunt and uncle, Elvy and B.D. Hollingsworth, alongside their children. In doing so, she gained a new family while remaining close in heart to her biological siblings, who were each raised by other relatives.

Mary Jo was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Stewart "Stu" Chanaud, and her sisters Harriet Manning and Glenda Davis. She is survived by her sisters Arminda Stricklan, Virginia Thompson, Clera Hughes, and Gene Bryan.

She is also survived by her three devoted sons: Lawrence (Sheila), John (Dina), and David (Kelly); six cherished grandchildren: Michael Chanaud, Erica Chanaud, Robert Chanaud Jr., Lawrence Chanaud Jr., Lydia Chanaud, and Keera Chanaud; two step-grandsons, Stephen Twomey and Brandon

Twomey; and one great-grandson, Weston Chanaud-Keidel.

Mary Jo and her husband Stu were well known in the Queen Anne's County community as the owners and operators of several beloved local businesses. From 1967 to 1972, they ran Stu's Lion's Den, a restaurant located near Queen Anne's County High School. Later, they opened Hillside Market on the south end of Centreville, beginning as a gas station and convenience store. Their business expanded over the years into the Hillside Inn, which included a full-service restaurant and motel. The original store was later transformed into the Hillside Crab House and Seafood Market.

Mary Jo's dedication, warm smile, and tireless work ethic, paired with Stu's entrepreneurial spirit and charm, made their ventures successful and beloved by the community. Mary Jo worked at Hillside for 37 years, retiring in 2009. In retirement, she found joy in spending time with her children and grandchildren. Mary Jo and Stu shared a love of boating and spent many happy days on the Chesapeake Bay. They were also avid travelers, especially fond of winter getaways to Cancun.

A visitation will be held on Friday, October 3, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, followed by a memorial service at 12:00 PM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newman Funeral Home in Centreville, Maryland.

Mary Jo will be remembered for her strength, kindness, and unwavering devotion to family and community. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched and the family she loved so deeply.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (est)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

OCT 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (est)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 02, 2025 at 01:00 PM

MH

“ *Martha And Royce Herman lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Martha and Royce Herman - October 07, 2025 at 09:16 PM

SW

“ *Sherry S Wechsler lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Sherry S Wechsler - October 02, 2025 at 04:17 PM

SS

“ Sandra S. purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Mary Jo Chanaud.



Sandra S. - October 02, 2025 at 03:25 PM

SS

“ Sandra S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jo Chanaud.

Sandra S. - October 02, 2025 at 03:25 PM

TP

“ Todd And Kay Parramore lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud



Todd and Kay Parramore - October 01, 2025 at 08:24 PM

KH

“ Keith & Haley purchased the *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* for the family of Mary Jo Chanaud.



Keith & Haley - October 01, 2025 at 02:34 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Chanaud.



October 01, 2025 at 12:39 PM



“ Dear David and all of the Chanaud family, I was so sadden to learn of your mother's death. Please accept my condolences. God bless you and your families. Clare O'Brien

Clare O'Brien - September 30, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ My Heart & prayers go out to Lawrence, Sheila and all of the Chanaud Family. So sorry for your loss... I met your Mom Lawrence, at the restaurant and we talked just a couple of times. I did not really know her but my sympathies to you and your family. I remember she was very nice and had a beautiful smile~ :) ~ Leeanne Morrison

Leeanne Morrison - September 30, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ Elizabeth Churn lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud



Elizabeth Churn - September 30, 2025 at 12:33 PM

JP

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the Chanaud families during this sorrowful time. I had the unique opportunity to work with Mary Jo on several occasions and she was always very pleasant



John Payne - September 29, 2025 at 11:16 AM

SH

“ I had the chance to share a few occasions on the water with Mary Jo and Stu. They were always up for a good time. May you rest in peace.



Sherri Hunter - September 29, 2025 at 09:16 AM

PM

“ Patricia Mayer lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud



Patricia Mayer - September 28, 2025 at 01:45 PM

PM

Such a beautiful lady inside and out!

Patricia Mayer - September 28, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ Wendy Hampton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud



Wendy Hampton - September 27, 2025 at 07:27 PM



“ Rob & Michelle Walls purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mary Jo Chanaud.



Rob & Michelle Walls - September 27, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ Rob & Michelle Walls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Jo Chanaud.

Rob & Michelle Walls - September 27, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ Martin And Sandy lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud



Martin and Sandy - September 27, 2025 at 04:04 PM

BM

“ *Bill & Marie Myers lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Bill & Marie Myers - September 27, 2025 at 02:21 PM

KM

“ *Keith Morris lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Keith Morris - September 27, 2025 at 01:28 PM

MK

“ *Mark And Lisa King lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Mark and Lisa King - September 27, 2025 at 12:54 PM

BG

“ *Bo And Amy Greenwood lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Bo and Amy Greenwood - September 27, 2025 at 08:53 AM

JA

“ *Jane Anthony lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Jane Anthony - September 27, 2025 at 08:44 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Doug Pierson - September 27, 2025 at 07:49 AM

AW

“ *Andy And Agnes Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Andy and Agnes Wilhelm - September 26, 2025 at 10:01 PM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



June Clark - September 26, 2025 at 09:35 PM

CK

“ Cathy Kerchner lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud



Cathy Kerchner - September 26, 2025 at 08:03 PM

JE

“ Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - September 26, 2025 at 07:53 PM

EL

“ A great Mom and friend to all. Love, Liz lepre'



ELIZABETH LEPRE - September 26, 2025 at 07:26 PM

BN

“ Barbara K Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud



Barbara k Nelson - September 26, 2025 at 05:28 PM

CW

“ *Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Centreville Methodist Women - September 26, 2025 at 04:33 PM

JP

“ *JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



JoAnn & Royden Powell - September 26, 2025 at 03:50 PM

BQ

“ *Bruce Quinn lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Bruce Quinn - September 26, 2025 at 02:11 PM

BP

“ *Bill And Norma Patton lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Bill and Norma Patton - September 26, 2025 at 12:40 PM

GC

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville - September 26, 2025 at 11:51 AM

LM

“ *Love Richard and Tabitha Messick purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mary Jo Chanaud.*



Love Richard and Tabitha Messick - September 26, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Jo Chanaud.*



September 26, 2025 at 10:44 AM

BN

“ *Bobby And Genevieve Norris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Bobby and Genevieve Norris - September 26, 2025 at 09:59 AM

PW

“ *Patti Kaufman Willis lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Patti Kaufman Willis - September 26, 2025 at 09:13 AM

SH

“ *Sherrie Hill lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Sherrie Hill - September 26, 2025 at 08:56 AM

MP

“ *MARY PASE lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



MARY PASE - September 26, 2025 at 08:30 AM

BY

“ *Bill Jane Young lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Bill Jane Young - September 25, 2025 at 10:04 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Whaley lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



barbara whaley - September 25, 2025 at 07:38 PM

MA

“ *Mary Ellen Aldwell lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Mary Ellen aldwell - September 25, 2025 at 06:46 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie And Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Chanaud*



Ronnie and Rhonda Jewell - September 25, 2025 at 04:52 PM